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Sub: Food situation - Madras Province - Report for the first fortnight of November 1948 - Review.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) L.Dis.No.E. 150187/48 dated 25-11-1948.

The report on the food situation in the Province for the fortnight ending 15-11-48 at pp. 3-7 c.f. and the enclosures to it at pp.9.23 c.f. are submitted for perusal.

Rainfall: The rainfall during the fortnight was heavy in the districts of Krishna Guntur, Nellore and Tirunelveli, moderate in Vizagapatam East Godavari, West Godavari, Ananthapur, Chingleput. South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Madura, Ramnad, Malabar, South Kanara and the Nilgiris and fair in Kurnool, Bellary and Cuddapah.

Cultivation: Preparatory cultivation was delayed in the districts of South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, and in parts of Cuddapah, Tiruchirapalli, Ramnad and Malabar. Sowing has been suspended in South Arcot, and North Arcot, and transplantation of paddy held up in North Arcot and in parts of Cuddapah, South Arcot, Chittoor, Madura and Ramnad for want of adequate water-supply. Transplantations of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Vizagapatam, West Godavari, Ananthapur, South Arcot, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Ramnad, Tirunelveli and in parts of Cuddapah, Nellore (Delta area) and SouthhArcot. Sowing of dry crops was proceeding in the districts of West Godavari, Nellore, Coimbatore, and Tirunelveli and parts of Bellary. Water-supply was inadequate in the districts of Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, and Ramnad and in parts of Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary, Ananthapur, Cuddapah, Tiruchirapalli and Madura.

Standing crops: The condition of standing crops was generally fair in all the districts except Chingleput, and North Arcot where it was poor. Large extents of paddy crop have been affected by pests in parts of Chingleput Taluk and in Uttiramerur Sub Taluk of Chingleput district in and in Tirukkoilur Taluk of South Arcot district and in parts of Salem district. Tender paddy and groundnut crops have also been affected by pests in seven taluks of the North Arcot district. Crops in the Jammalmadugu Taluk of Cuddapah district and paddy in some parts of North Arcot district are reported to be withering for want of rain. Groundnut has also been affected by pests in parts of South Arcot.

Harvest: Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the districts of East Godavari, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Malabar and the Nilgiris and in parts of South Arcot, of cholam in Anantapur and North Arcot and in parts of Bellary, of cumbu in Kurnool and Ananthapur, and North Arcot and in parts of Bellary, of cumbu and Chittoor and of ragi in West Godavari, Ananthapur, North Arcot and the Nilgiris and in parts of Chittoor. The outturn of paddy was fair to normal, of cholam and cumbu poor to fair and of ragi poor to normal.

Stock and supply position:

The stock position of foodgrains in the Province on 13-11-48 was as follows when compared with the stock position on 6-11-48.

| Foodgrains. | Stocks on 6-11-48. | Stocks on 13-11-48. |
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| Rice | 2,08,298 | 1,98,959 |
| Wheat | 11,660 | 10,983 |
| Wheat Products | 3,271 | 3,513 |
| Maize | 7,247 | 6,468 |
| Other Grains. | 13,591 | 11,098 |

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**Rice:** The position in respect of rice was unsatisfactory in Chingleput, Chittoor, Cuddapah, North Arcot, The Nilgiris and Nellore. Steps were taken to replenish the stocks in those districts. The Orissa Government and the Regional Food Commissioner, Madras, have intimated the following allotments to this Province from Orissa for November 1948.

| | Tons. |
|---|---|
| First allotment | 2,100 Tons. |
| Second " | 800 " |
| Third " | 1,124 |
| Total | 4,204 |

Arrangements have been made to import these allotments.

Against the allotment of 13.000 tons of overseas rice for November 1948, a quantity of 1,000 tons has been received ex. s.s. "Varela" which arrived on 10.11.48. For December 1948, the Government of India have intimated an allotment of 7000 tons of overseas rice to this Province.

The following quantities were received during the fortnight:-

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| From Orissa | 1007 tons. |
| From Overseas. | 622 tons. |
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**Millets and Maize:**

A quantity of 75 tons of Argentine millets from the Central Provinces was received during the fortnight. This raises the total receipts from the Central Provinces to 444 tons against the allotted quota of 447 tons.

The Government of India have proposed tentatively to allot a quota of 15,500 tons of milo to this Province for December 1948. The total receipts expected during the period October to December 1948 fall short of the ceiling balance quota of Food Commissioner, Madras has been addressed to move the Government of India for the allocation of further shipments of milo to this Province towards the above balance.

57,200 tons under other grains by about 23000 tons. The Regional

**Wheat and Wheat Products:** The Government of India have allotted 2,000 tons of wheat and 2,500 tons of maida for November 1948. The maida allotted has been received on 19-11-48. The wheat ship is expected shortly at Cochin Port.

**Progress of procurement:** 63,850 tons of rice and 156 tons of millets were procured in the surplus districts and in the deficit districts of the Nilgiris, Malabar, South Kanara, Tiruchirapalli, Madura (rice in Periyar area alone) and South Arcot (rice in Chidambaram taluk alone) during the fortnight ended 31-10-48 as against 38,560 tons of rice procured in the surplus districts and in the districts of the Nilgiris and Malabar during the preceding fortnight. The need for vigorously intensifying procurement this year has been impressed on the Collectors.

**Prices:-** Statements of prices of foodgrains, firewood, salt, edible oil seeds, oils, and oil cakes at pp.9.23 c.f. may be perused.

The case may be circulated to H.M. (Food) H.M.(P.W.) and H.E. for perusal.

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Minutes of the Hon'ble Ministers.
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